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Dear Sirs:

With respect to the examination of the above-referenced application, applicants cite the following documents, copies of which are enclosed. These documents are also listed on an accompanying Form PTO-1449.

**FOREIGN PATENTS**

PCT Application Publication No. WO 92/08978 published 29 May 1992

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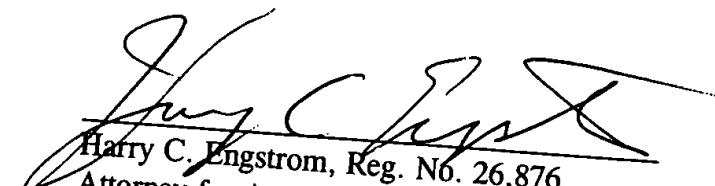
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**REMARKS**

The foregoing documents were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on 19 November 2001 on a Patent Cooperation Treaty application corresponding to the above-referenced U.S. application. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed. It is noted that the Search Report also cited a paper by V.K. Gupta, et al. and published PCT application WO 99 63329 A, which were previously submitted by applicants and should be of record in this U.S. application.

The foregoing documents were first cited in a Search Report on a corresponding PCT application within the last month. No Office Action has been received by applicants on this application at this time. Thus, it is requested that the foregoing documents be considered during examination of the application and be specifically made of record therein.

Respectfully submitted,



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